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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Parenting Awareness Month

Attached is a draft resolution declaring March 2007 as Parenting Awareness Month.

The resolution encourages special parenting events, celebrations, and education opportunities in March and throughout the year, fostering a broader understanding of the importance of effective parenting.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Parenting Awareness Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007.

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RESOLUTION

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the children of Michigan are the state's most valuable resource, and all young people deserve the support of a society that demonstrates a commitment to helping children become happy, healthy, and drug-free; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education believes that the education of students is augmented by parental and family involvement in their children's education, and studies demonstrate that when parents are involved in their children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are positively enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education's Family Involvement Policy adopted in May 1997 states that schools must welcome the public's involvement, and recognize and tap the strength and resources of all those who wish to participate with the schools in practical and tangible ways, and states that teacher training institutions also have a responsibility to provide training in family involvement; and

WHEREAS, effective parenting involves showing children love, concern, and respect at all times; giving children a safe place to live and play; helping children express their feelings appropriately, and listening to what children say; giving children appropriate choices whenever possible; having reasonable rules that are understood by all; being responsible and teaching children to be responsible; spending time with children; setting an example by what we say and do; working with schools and communities to make them better for children; and asking for help when we need it; and

WHEREAS, informed parenting can help reduce social problems such as substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, unemployment, poverty, and crime; and

WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month provides guidance, materials, resources, referrals, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month directs its efforts to assisting local organizers to plan special parenting events, celebrations, and education opportunities in March and throughout the year, and encourages a broader understanding and acknowledgment of the importance of effective parenting; and

WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month is a year-round Michigan campaign to celebrate people raising children and promote resources to help with this important task; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education proclaims March 2007 as Parenting Awareness Month; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts and resources, particularly local, that draw public attention to the critical importance of parenting and encourages the further development of parent networks throughout Michigan.